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budget include: hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, ambulance services, laboratories, and durable medical equipment companies. The Bush budget also does not address significant impending Medicare physician payment cuts under current law.

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The President's budget calls for cuts to Medicaid in addition to those already enacted through the recently passed budget reconciliation bill. The budget includes Medicaid cuts of \$17 billion over the next five years and \$43 billion over 10 years. Additional Medicaid cuts of this magnitude cannot be found by simply closing loopholes – the pain will be felt somewhere, either by shifting costs to the states or making individuals pay even more for their care, or cutting payments to providers that can undermine their ability to provide care to the uninsured.

Severely underfunds NIH. Last year, the Majority in Congress actually cut the NIH budget in nominal dollars – providing \$28.59 billion in FY 2006, compared to \$28.65 billion in FY 2005. This was the first cut in NIH's budget in 36 years. In the budget for FY 2007, the President is proposing freezing the overall NIH budget at the inadequate FY 2006 level. However, this overall freeze includes cuts in 18 of the 19 institutes at NIH. By 2011, the President proposes only \$27.9 billion for NIH, a cut in real terms of 15 percent.

Slashes rural health activities. The President's budget slashes rural health activities by \$133 million below this year's enacted level – or by 83 percent. This cut includes eliminating the \$64 million rural health flexibility grant program and drastically cutting back rural health outreach grants.

Slashes health professions training. Last year, the Majority in Congress slashed spending for health professions training (including nurse training) by \$154 million or by 38 percent. Now, the Bush budget calls for further severe cuts. The budget cuts health professions training (including nurse training) from \$249 million in FY 2006 to \$150 million in FY 2007, a cut of 40 percent.

Slashes training doctors in children's hospitals. Free-standing children's hospitals depend upon the federal government to support the training of doctors. The President's budget slashes grants to train doctors at children's hospitals by \$198 million – or by 67 percent – below the FY 2006 enacted level of \$297 million.

Cuts Centers for Disease Control. The President's budget cuts the overall CDC budget by \$367 million – or by 6 percent -- below the FY 2006 enacted level.

Cuts Office of Minority Health. The President's budget cuts funding for the Office of Minority Health by \$10 million or 18 percent from this year's enacted level. This office supports disease prevention and educational efforts that focus on health concerns that cause higher rates of disease in minority communities.

Eliminates several key health care programs. The Administration's budget eliminates several key health care programs, including the Preventive Health Block Grant, the Emergency Medical Services for Children program, the Traumatic Brain Injury program, and the Universal Newborn Screening Program.